GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:324
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2006
ENTRY FEE FOR VISITING MONUMENTS
Thakkar Smt. Jayaben B.

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revenue collected from entry fee from ticketed monuments does not go to Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that ASI gets appropriate share from the revenue collected from entry fee of ticketed monuments; and

(d) the efforts made to bring more monuments under Central Protection and to raise number of monuments for ticketing purposes?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.324 FOR 14.12.2006

The revenue collected from the entry fee at the ticketed monuments of the Archaeological Survey of India is remitted into the Government account in the Consolidated Fund of India. This is in accordance with the Central Government Account (Receipts and Payments) Rules.

The Archaeological Survey of India has made a proposal for retaining this revenue in the form of a non-lapsable fund for conservation and preservation of the protected monuments. The proposal has been forwarded to the Ministry of Finance, and a decision on the matter is awaited.

Proposals for bringing more monuments under central protection are scrutinized as per the merits of each case and in accordance with the provisions of the Ancient Monuments & Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958. Archaeological Survey of India has called for proposals from the field offices for imposing entry fee on more monuments and based on the proposals received from the field offices, the matter shall be decided.